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Mr. Abraham Manley  
71 Crawford Street  
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Friend:

I was very very happy to have been able to chat with you on Tuesday in Chicago concerning baseball in general and your coming to Briggs Stadium in particular.

Mr. Zeller and I have been together most all day making plans for the coming season. He is up to his neck with problems concerning the Detroit Tigers of the American League and has turned over to me the problems and programs for our colored games. Needless to say, I am anxious to make everyone of our games a big event, and I shall appreciate your whole-hearted cooperation. You won't have to worry about anything on this end. Just keep your team in good shape and come here ready to do business.

Don't forget the \$250.00. I shall be expecting the same with the least possible delay and shall immediately begin my carefully made program to make all Detroit baseball conscious. As you might expect, I shall have to play ball with all the newspaper people in town, both white and colored. I know what to do and how to do it. I have kept my promise with you despite the fact that others were pulling my coat tail, as it were, trying to get the date that I gave to you. Inasmuch as I have kept faith with you and shall continue to do so I am expecting you to do the same thing with me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John R. Williams".

John R. Williams, Editor  
Detroit Edition  
The Pittsburgh Courier

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